

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 3rd February 2013

Silent Key.

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Brian Evans, EI9KE. Brian lived in Lecarrow, Co. West Meath. He passed away in mid January. Our deepest sympathy to his wife & family. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

IRTS AGM, Dinner and Radio Rally

This year the 81st IRTS AGM is hosted by Shannon Basin Radio Club. The event takes place in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel in Athlone, Saturday April 27th and Sunday April 28th 2013. Tickets for the Dinner on Saturday night (8.00 for 8.30pm) will be available at 30 Euro each from Brian EI8IU QTHR and through IRTS Committee Members. Dress code, as usual, is smart/casual. Menu details is available from the IRTS website. Please visit www.irts.ie for more details.

Return of IRTS Awards & Trophies

It is time once again to recall all trophies presented at last years IRTS, AGM. Trophies and Cups can be returned to the IRTS Stand at the Phoenix Radio Club Rally in Coolmine on Sunday 10 th February or to any IRTS Committee Member before end of February 2013.

IRTS Awards Nominations.

It is time once again for nominations for the several awards for IRTS Trophies and cups that are required from within the membership, this includes the awards for:

Service to the Society or to Amateur Radio.

Awards in this category can be to members or non - members.

Awards for Other Achievements:

Awards in this category include the 4 and 6 M Shields; the SWL Award; and the awards for Quality Construction Projects.

These are confined to Members Only.

When considering your nomination, please refer to previous successful winners, please refer to www.irts.ie/cgi/awards/cgi

Nominations may be from Clubs or individuals, must be by post or e-mail, and can be forwarded to the Awards Committee Members, Pat EI2HX, Jim EI4HH or, Peter EI4HX, Chair of awards committee, QTHR or by e-mail to ei4hxperimental/at eircom/dot/net

Closing date for nominations is February 28th 2013.

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Rally

Coolmine rally will be held at the Coolmine Community School on Sunday 10th February 2013. Doors open at 8.30am for traders. Please note doors open for members of the public at 11am. Admission is €5.00. Usual traders will attend and there will be a bring and buy sale. Tea and refreshments available all day during the event. Unlimited free car parking available. To book a table for the rally please call the following: Tom, 01 8211043 or Tony, 087 2439997. Everyone welcome to this excellent annual event.

Limerick Radio Club Rally

The Limerick Radio Club rally will take place this year on March 3rd at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick. Doors open at 11.00am. All the usual traders will be present. Bring and buy tables are available on a first come first served basis. Ger EI4GXB can be contacted QTHR or see www.limerickradioclub.ie

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club Annual Rally

The Lough Erne Rally takes place on Sunday March 24th 2013.

The location is The Share Centre, Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh, BT92, 0EQ. Usual clubs and organisations will be present. Bring and buy, Food and on site parking available. Everyone welcome. More details can be obtained from www.learc.eu

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The AGM of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday the 25th February at 8.00 p.m. sharp. All members are asked to attend and new members interested in joining the group are also very welcome to come along. For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and it's actives you can check our website www.searg.com and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

DX News

The well-known DXers Bob W7Yaq and Bill N7OU will operate from two Pacific DXCC entities in the coming weeks. Firstly they will be in Fiji as 3D2NB and 3D2OU respectively from 2 – 7 February. They then travel on to Rotuma Island where they will sign 3D2RX and 3D2RO from 8 – 21 February. QSLs go via the home calls.

Jack F8AEJ will be on holiday in Togo from 4 February until 15 March. While there he will operate as 5V7JD. QSL to his home call.

Gerry EI8CC reports that due to storm damage he is off the air as 7P8CC in Maseru, Lesotho. Last Tuesday night the roof of his shack suffered serious damage when part of a tree fell on it during high winds and heavy rain. He hopes that repairs can be done soon and that he will return to the airwaves before long.

Other Lesotho stations on the air at present include 7P8RI and 7P8ZM. A new arrival this week was N2DE who will be there for a few days and is on the air as 7P8US.

Prefix hunters will be interested in the special event station PF100ZOO. This will be active until the end of the month. It is to celebrate 100 years of the Burgers Zoo in Arnhem. The operator and QSL Manager is PA0FAW.

EI13CLAN

Any member wishing go on air with EI13CLAN should contact Dave EI6AL at [dave.ei6al /at/ gmail.com](mailto:dave.ei6al@atgmail.com) or by phone on 0861000000.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday

on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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